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16 November 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BOWIE
FROM : NFAC/CAR
SUBJECT : Possible DCI Dinner Subjects in the OSI Area

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1. As you suggested a while ago, I have been in communication with [redacted] on possible science and technology DCI Dinner/Discussion subjects. The following are three suggestions from him, giving the subject in very general terms and the analyst he proposes to place in charge in each case. They are listed in order of his preference but he says they are all good subjects. We need your indication of preference in order to proceed with planning.

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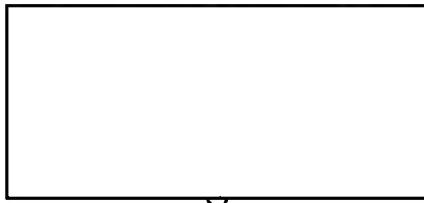
- I. "The Revolution in Information Processing and the Problem of Export Controls." [redacted] indicated that there is much that is fascinating in this big subject but that the export-control aspect would enable us to give focus to the discussion.
- II. "Climatic Changes." [redacted] The question STAT here is whether long-term changes in weather are occurring, if so, in what directions and with what effects. Opinions among the experts vary from STAT alarmist to "nothing to be concerned about."
- III. "The Coming Communications Revolution." [redacted] mentioned laser beams and fiber optics as examples of changes that are brewing in the field, pointing out that some of the developments that may occur could put NSA out of business.

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2. The following are some of the other topics I have been considering and exploring. None is very far advanced at present.

1. Something on China. Jim Lilley returned from his recent trip convinced that the cultural revolution is no longer a live issue in the CPR so is less suitable than we had assumed as a DCI Dinner subject.
2. Arms Control verification. What do the Soviets consider acceptable levels of confidence? This is Sid Graybeal's favorite. To me it looks like a good one if we can get the right kind of outsiders.
3. Soviet sociology (the Yanov thesis, which I mentioned to you some time ago). [redacted] is interested in STAT this one, says he thinks something interesting may be made of it.

4. Personality studies. This may be a long shot. It is said to be one of the areas in which major advances are being made. There is, I understand, much academic interest. I don't know how much the DCI has heard about it, but if he has not been briefed to the ears it could be a promising subject. I shall be exploring it with [redacted] soon. STAT
5. Lags in Soviet technological advances. This is the subject you suggested. I haven't been able to do anything with it yet, but it is still on my list.



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